

My name is Shane Keith, I was born and raised in Payson, Arizona. I went through the Payson school system from Frontier Elementary school to Payson High School, where I was the Math Club Treasurer, and the football team captain. I went on to attend Grand Canyon University (GCU) where I graduated top of my class and was the commencement speaker for the College of Business. After completing my bachelor's degree in Business Management, I started working at the Vanguard Group, and have continued working there for the past three and half years as a finance professional. In April of this year, I completed my Master of Business Administration with an emphasis in leadership. When my wife Presli and I found out we were expecting our first child Eli, we decided to move back to Payson to raise our son. He is now almost a year old and the light of our lives. We spend most our time with family and friends, or outdoors with our Rottweiler Rocko.

With planning to raise my young family in Payson, I want to take part in what makes this community great. I want the school district to be included in the conversation of what makes Payson a great place to live. I am running for the school board because I believe the Payson Unified School District can be an excelling district and have the test scores and student achievement to prove it. Below I have laid out my three objectives as a PUSD School Board Member:

1. Increase student achievement
2. Invest in early childhood development
3. Raise school standards

In my last role at the Vanguard Group I edited and interpreted financial policy and procedure to ensure Vanguard was within regulatory requirements of FINRA and the SEC. The skills I obtained during that time directly correlate with the expectations of a school board member. A school board members' primary responsibility is to create, edit and interpret policy and procedure for the superintendent to implement.

So many times in years past, I had watched previous members lose sight of their responsibilities and use their position on the board for personal gain. Hiring was bias, with nepotism instead of choosing the highest qualified and best fit for the job. As a school board member, I will leverage my educational background and professional career to enrich the Payson Unified School District. Not only do I truly understand the value and traditions this community represents, but I know what educational success looks like and how powerful it can be.

For your consideration,

Shane Keith